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In re Patent Application:

Binggeli et al.

Group: 1613

Serial No. 08/711,339, filed September 6, 1996

Examiner: R. Ramseur

For: **NOVEL PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES HAVING RENIN INHIBITING ACTIVITY**

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Nutley, New Jersey 07110  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Information regarding the present status of this application is respectfully requested.

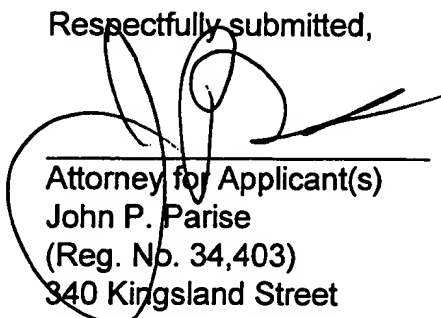
Applicants' filed a PETITION TO INVOKE THE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 mailed on March 27, 2000. Applicants have no record of any response communication from the Patent and Trademark Office and would appreciate knowing when a communication can be expected.

Applicants had discussed this matter with Dr. Brian Stanton, Biotechnology Practice Specialist, Group 1600, and provided him with a copy of the petition on June 15, 2001. Likewise, applicants had similar communications with Dr. Stanton's predecessor,

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Dr. Richard Schwartz and provided him with a copy of our petition on February 28, 2001.  
Despite diligent efforts by applicants, we have received no communication from the  
Patent Office in about one and a half years.

Respectfully submitted,



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